

A BRIEF
DISCOVERY
OF
God's Eternal Truth;

AND,

A Way opened to the simple hearted,
whereby they may come to know
CHRIST and his Ministers, from
ANTICHRIST and his Ministers.

With a WARNING from the Lord,
to all people, that do name the
Name of Christ, to depart from
Iniquity.

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A brief DISCOVERY of Gods Eternal Truth.

THUS saith the Lord, *Let every one that nameth the Name of Christ, depart from Iniquity:* for the day cometh, and now is, that the Name of Christ will be dreadful and terrible to all workers of iniquity; and God the Father hath committed all Power in Heaven and in Earth, and Seas also, to his Son *Jesus Christ*; and hath raised him in Power and great Glory in thousands of his Saints, to convince the world of *Sin*, of *Righteousness*, and of *Judgment*; that the Prince of this World may be judged, and cast out; for he shall never have any part or portion with the Heir of Eternal Life and Salvation; who hath Power to judge and to justify; and to condemn, or to save; to scatter, and to gather; to break to pieces, and to bind up that which is broken to pieces: and he will establish his own Spiritual Government, Righteous Rule, and Pure, Holy Worship, to the ends

ends of the Earth; and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it: for whatsoever he hath purposed, shall surely come to pass, and his Decree shall stand; and *Wo, wo, wo to every one that doth lift up a hand against any of those that the Lord God doth send forth in his Name, in this the Day of his Power, to preach Glad-tydings to the meek; or do form any carnal weapon against him in his Anger, thinking to disinherit him, who is possessed Heir of all:* But the time doth hasten that the Lord God of Power will exalt his Princely Scepter, over all Scepters, Thrones and Dominions, Kingdoms and Countries, and none shall be able to prevent him, or resist his mighty Power.

Hear ye this, O all ye People upon the face of the Earth, who are called *Christians*, or do call your selves by Christ's Name, both Kings and Princes, Emperors, Nobles, and mighty men of the Earth, by what name, or title soever ye are called, high or low, rich or poor; for our God is no respecter of persons; but every one that feareth his Name, and worketh Righteousness, is accepted of him: Wherefore it chiefly becometh every one of you, to turn your minds *within* to the Light in your Consciences that convinceth of all Sin, and make

makes manifest every evil deed, be it done
 never so secret, the Light will discover it;
 It is a measure of God's free Grace given
 to every one to profit themselves withal;
 and search, examine, and duely consider
 how you come to have right or title to
 Christ's Name; or, what it is that maketh
 a *Christian*; for every true Christian is an
 Heir of God, and Joynt-heir with Christ:
*For as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all
 be made alive.* Now you know that God
 created *Adam* at the first in a pure, perfect
 state of *Innocency*, his mind and soul in his
 own Image and likeness, which was Light
 and Life, and placed him in the Garden
 of *Paradise*, a place of eternal blessedness
 to all that do obey the Light; and God
 gave *Adam* dominion over all the crea-
 tures that God created for the use of man,
 and blessed them unto him in that state
 of *Innocency*, and bid him eat of the
 fruit of every tree of the Garden; but the
 tree of knowledge of good and evil, that
 was good too; but not for food: And the
 Lord said unto *Adam*, *Thou shalt not eat of
 the fruit of that tree; for in the day thou
 eatest thereof, thou shalt surely dye.* *Adam*
 did not stand in the Counsel of the Lord,
 but turned from the Light, and hearkened

to the Woman whom the Serpent beguiled, and did eat of the *forbidden Fruit*, and so disobeyed the Commandment of the Lord God, and fell from that state of Blessedness, into that state wherein all things are an utter curse unto him, and unto all in that state of disobedience eternally; but the just, and wise, and holy Lord God, whose mercies are above all his works, did promise that *the Seed of the Woman should bruise the Serpents head*. There are but two seeds, the Seed of the Woman, and the seed of the Serpent. Now this was the way which the pure and wise and perfect Lord God did find out in himself to recover Man out of the Fall again, through the everlasting Covenant of the *promised Seed* of all blessedness. The Promise of God was not unto seeds, as to many; but unto [the] Seed, as unto one; *In Isaac shall all the Kindreds of the Earth be blessed*. The Promise of God, which cannot fail, was only to the Seed of faithful Abraham. And Paul saith, *If ye are Christs, then are ye Abrahams seed, and heirs to the Promise*. Wherefore every one of you in Christendom may do well to turn in your minds to the Light of God in your own Consciences, and try your selves, and see whether

you have received the true righteous Seed, or are born of the pure and perfect Spirit of Christ Jesus, yea or nay; the Light will not deceive you, but deal plainly with you, and make manifest unto you all that ever was, or is within you; And he that is in Christ, hath the witness in himself, so that he need not go forth to seek after him, or to ask the way to Zion: for, *I am the Way, the Truth, and the Light*, saith Christ; and he that followeth me, shall not abide in darkness, but have the Light of Life; and, He that hath not the Witness in himself, is in darkness, and hath not received the Light of Life, the Spirit of Christ; and, He that hath not the Spirit of Christ, is none of his. Then what profit hath any one to have the Name of Christ, and out of his Nature?

The Nature of Christ is altogether pure, perfect, holy, and upright; meek, humble, sober, loving, merciful, tender-hearted, liberal in all good; long-suffering, and ready to forgive, and willing to bear the contradictions of sinners and the rebukes of the vile sons of men; and did lay down his Life for to save them that hated him, and were and are Enemies to his Cross: And all that are in Christ, ought themselves to walk as he walked, or else how should they be known

to be born of the true Seed of God; for where the Seed of the Kingdom is sown, and received into good ground, in an honest heart, it taketh deep root, and bringeth forth fruit answerable to the Seed, in some thirty, in some sixty, and in some an hundred fold, that God may be glorified; for *herein is my Father glorified, that ye bring forth much fruit*, saith Christ, speaking to them that were called by his Name, and were his Disciples indeed; and did hearken to his Teaching, did hear his Voice, and follow him; and a stranger they would not hear; but Christ alone was their Head, Guide, Teacher, Leader, and they did believe in his Name, and obeyed his Will: *For it is not every one that saith, Lord, Lord, shall be saved; but he that doth the Will of the Father, is accepted. And this is the Will of God, that ye should believe in Him whom he hath sent, and be sanctified*: for Christ is the same that ever he was to all that believe in his Name; He is their King, to rule; and Prophet, to teach; and Priest, to offer up the spiritual Sacrifices that are accepted with the Father, who saith, *Let every one that nameth the Name of Christ depart from iniquity*: for, *I have given him a Name, above every name, that, at the Name*

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of ~~J. E. S. U. S.~~ every knee shall bow. . . He that doth depart from iniquity, doth bow at the Name of *Jesus*: but those that do bow their knees when they hear *Jesus* named, and do not depart from iniquity, do not bow at the Name of *Jesus*, but are Hypocrites, and do bow to the Beast, and do not believe in Christ *Jesus*, neither doth their faith stand in the power of God, but their faith is vain. Paul the Apostle of *Jesus* Christ, saith, He that believes in the Lord *Jesus* in his heart, and confesseth with his mouth that God hath raised him from the dead, shall be saved: for with the heart man believeth unto Righteousness, and with the mouth Confession is made unto Salvation: but Paul did not say, that every one that confesseth that Christ was crucified at Jerusalem, and God raised him up again, should be saved: No, that would contradict the Scriptures; for, as I live, saith the Lord, if Israel were as the sands upon the Sea-shoar for multitude, but a remnant shall be saved: For they are not all Israel, that are of Israel; [but he is an Israelite indeed, in whose mouth there is no guile] but every one that confesseth the same Christ near them which was crucified at Jerusalem: For know ye not that Christ is in you, unless you are Rebobates: And let them

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them know, that do not witness the Life of Christ raised within them, that sin and wickedness is alive in them; and where sin and wickedness liveth, there Christ hath crucified in the streets, that are spiritually called *Sodoms* and *Egypt*; and it is the faith of the Drunkard, Swearer, Lyar, Murderer, Adulterer and covetous persons, and them that work all manner of Abominations, which shall never enter into the Kingdom of God, as saith the Scriptures; yet those will confess that Christ dyed at *Jerusalem* to their own condemnation, because they do not walk in obedience to him. *John* saith, Try the spirits whether they be of God; yea or nay. Every one that confesseth that Christ is come in the flesh, is born of God; but he that denieth Christ to be come in the flesh, is not born of God, but is of *Antichrist*, and denieth the Lord that bought him. He that professeth Christ, and doth not possess Christ, neither is possesst of Christ, it is he that is *Antichrist*, and is not of Christ; but where Christ is manifested in the flesh, he destroyes the work of the Devil, and giveth power over Sin, Death, Hell and the Grave, and over *Antichrist*, and all the dark powers that do corrupt the Earth. Where sin is destroyed, death hath

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no power: *The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal Life: And, he that hath the Son, hath Life; and he that hath not the Son, hath not Life, but is in Death, and the Wrath of God abideth upon him.* He is the best Christian that is most like Christ. In him was no nature of cruelty at all, but full of love, mercy, and tender compassion, ready to forgive, and willing to receive all that come unto him, having nothing of their own, he will in no wise cast out: and he doth exhort all men to do to others, as they would have others do unto them; and commanded his Disciples to love one another, and to love enemies; and to do good to them that hate them, and despise-fully use them. *God is Love;* and he that is born of God, doth love every one, and cannot use cruelty to any: but he that is not born of God, committeth sin; and he that committeth, is of the Devil, and dwelleth in the dark, where all sin is committed; but he that dwelleth in the Light, dwelleth in the habitation of God, where no sin is committed, nor transgression found; and he that doth not know the Light in the Conscience, that convinceth of all sin, doth not know God: for God is *Light*, and Jesus Christ is the *express Image*

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the same yesterday, and to day, and no other-
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 to the Father, as the Scriptures bear wit-
 ness. *Paul* was a Persecutor, after *Christ*
 was crucified, and he held the clothes of
 the witnesses that stoned *Stephen*, a man
 full of the holy Ghost, because he said, *The*
Most High dwelleth not in Temples made
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and in Truth; and *Paul* was consenting to his death; and after he was journeying from *Jerusalem* to *Damascus*, with Letters read-
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 that did speak in the Name of Jesus; and to bring them bound to *Jerusalem*: But in the mid way there was a Light met *Paul* and smote him, so that he fell to the ground, and *Paul* saw a Light shine round about him, but he saw no man; and he heard a Voice, saying, *Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? Who art thou, Lord,* said *Saul? I am Jesus, whom thou persecutest,* said Christ the Light; it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks: and then *Paul* cryed out saying, *Lord, what wilt thou have me* note
to do? And as soon as the Lord revealed this
 his Son Christ Jesus in him by his own immediate Spirit, he did not confer with flesh and blood, but went and preach'd him: *Paul* did profess Christ before, and did profit more in the Jewish Religion than many of his equals, but he did not know him, and so he persecuted him in his Saints, as thousands do at this day, and yet they will be called Christians.

When *Paul* had received Christ Jesus the Spirit of Truth, he denyed himself, and became

became a true Christian, through the San-
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 to his own will daily, and followed Christ
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 the fellowship of his Death and Sufferings,
 so likewise he did partake of the fellow-
 ship of his powerful Resurrection and his
 Glory. *I am the Resurrection, and the Life,*
 John. XI:25 saith Christ. And not only Paul, but eve-
 ry one also in whom Christ is risen, do par-
 take of the same Sufferings, and the same
 Joy, according to the measure and pro-
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 pensed to each one, by his own Eternal
 Spirit. And this is the way, and the alone
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 pointed to make Christians; or, as I may
 safely say, to recover lost men out of the
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among the sons and daughters of men, and will have the preheminency over all people upon the face of the Earth, in the measure of himself, in the Consciences of all, either in their eternal Salvation, or their just and everlasting Condemnation: for God hath not left himself without a Witness in every ones Conscience, and a measure of the free Grace of him, who is the Fulness: For the natural man cannot receive the gift of the Spirit, but as the Apostle said, *And we saw his Glory, as the Glory of the only begotten of the Father, full of Grace and Might. And of his Fulness have we all received, and Grace for Grace.*

Hence it is that the True and Living God, who respecteth no mans person, hath given to every one a Talent to improve, and a measure of Light, and also hath commanded that this *Everlasting Gospel of Peace and Reconciliation*, should be preached to every Creature, that they may receive grace for grace, that do believe in his Name: And they that do not beleive nor receive him, who doth tender salvation to them, the Light of God, which God gave them, coming into the world, will eternally condemn them, and leave them without any excuse in the presence of the Lord God, because

because of their disobedience and resisting the gift of the holy Ghost.

There is *something* of God in every one, that would receive Gods truth if it should; but all that is not of God in every one doth strive and fight against it, and doth persecute and imprison till death Gods Messengers, which he hath endued with power from on high, and hath given them gifts and graces, and spiritual mercies of divine vertue, to preach to the Poor and to the captives, to the exiled and banished, and to sow the seed of Righteousness, that God might receive the fruits of holiness among his People. *They that sow to the flesh, do of the flesh reap corruption; but they that sow to the Spirit, do of the Spirit reap Life everlasting.*

They that have not received the Spirit, they cannot sow to the Spirit; but they that have received, they sow to the Spirit, and do profit the people, where they come to be received, and they do bring forth fruits of God-like lives, and righteous conversations, and heavenly behaviour, and their fruits do manifest what ministry they are under; as Paul said, *You are our Epistles, written in our hearts, seen and read of all men.* A pure life and a holy conversation is

is a sure evidence of a true Christian, and a perfect witness that they have received the Spirit of Christ, which maketh a Christian, and generateth into his body; *Christ the Head, and Christians the Members*; and he will not have any deformed member in his body, but they must be all compleat in Christ, *Pure, as he is Pure; Holy, as he is Holy; Undeified, as he is Undeified*: even so as he is, so must his be in this present world; *He that sanctifieth, and they that are sanctified, are all one*, as saith the Scriptures: But I say, in the Name and Power of the pure and perfect Lord God, *That whosoever, or whatsoever he is in this world that taketh upon himself, or goeth about to make Christians, or convert Souls any other way, than by preaching the immediate Word of God as he doth receive it by the Inspiration of the eternal Spirit of Life and Power, he is in the highest degree of Presumption, and guilty of the great Transgression, and shall assuredly receive the greatest Condemnation from the Lord God of Power, if they or he do not speedily repent and forsake those great Abominations.*

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Earth, and Sea, without the help or advice of any, and doth uphold the Works of his own Creation by the Word of his Power; and as he created the Souls and Minds of men in a pure State of Innocency; from whence man fell through Disobedience.

So he it is alone, that can, and will, and doth quicken the Souls of men and women again, and create them anew, in Christ Jesus, the Lord from heaven, the second *Adam*, a quickening Spirit, the *Immanuel* of Eternal Life, of the Word of his Power; and need not the Assistance or Counsel of any besides himself, to raise up Souls to life and immortality; for our God is an invisible, eternal, and immortal Spirit, perfect, holy, wise and powerful: and every reasonable man must needs know, and believe, That there is not any thing, but only a Spirit, that can so much as touch a Soul as to cleanse it, or to defile it; so it is the unrighteous spirit of Darkness, the Prince of the Power of the Air, that doth rule in the Children of Disobedience, and polluteth the Souls, and defileth the whole Minds, and causeth them to yield up the fleshly Members, to commit sins of all kinds, in Thought, Word and Action; and so the Springs of Life and Salvation are

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dammed up, and the pure Spirit of the Lord is covered, and the Eye of Innocency blinded, so that man cannot behold his Maker, because Sin hath made a separation, as saith the Prophet, *Behold the Lord's hand is not shortned, that it cannot save; neither is his care heavy, that he cannot hear; but it is your iniquities that have separated between you and your God, and your sins have caused his face to be hid from you:* And, as it is the unclean Spirit that doth defile and pollute the Mind and Soul, and corrupt the Heart of man; hence it is that nothing but the clean and pure Spirit of the Lord God, that can in any wise cleanse and sanctifie the Soul and Mind, or purge, or purifie the Heart again: and it seems to be a very vain thing for any man or woman to think otherwise. Now let every one that is called a Minister of Jesus Christ, see that he be so indeed and in truth; for they must come a great way before they can administer Christ: Wherefore it is safe to consider, that Death reigned, or reigneth, from *Adam to Moses*, and from *Moses till the Prophet John*; and *John* was a burning & a shining Light, the greatest that was born among women; *but the least in the Kingdom of God is greater than he:* and *John* cried in the Wilderness,

saying, *Prepare ye the Way of the Lord, make his Paths streight*; for he, whose shooe he was not worthy to unloose, was coming after him, whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his Floor, and gather the Wheat into the Garner; but the Chaff he will burn with Fire unquenchable. And John denied not, and said, *He was not that Light, but he came to bear witness of the Light, saying, This is the true Light, that lighteth every one that cometh into the world.* Now it behoveth all that are called Ministers of Christ, to call themselves to mind how they travelled through all these Administrations, spiritually, from *Adam* till *Moses*, ye are all in death; and when you have received the just and holy Law of *Moses* upon *Mount Sinai*, then you must journey through all the Prophecies, till you come to *Mount Sion*, the heavenly *Jerusalem*, the City of the living God, before you can be a noble Minister of *Jesus Christ*: And this I am bold to declare in the Name of the Lord *Jesus*, whose Servant I am through mercy. Be ye not deceived, the Lord God will not be mocked any longer; there is a great Mystery in Godliness, in so much, that all the earthly Wisdom, and Learning, and Languages, Studies or Prudence

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ternally, and he will be merciful to their Transgressions; their Sins and Iniquities he will remember no more; for our God cannot deny himself, nor forget his holy Promises, who hath said, *I have given Him for a Covenant of Light, to enlighten the Gentiles, and a Leader, and Commander to the people*: and the day is come, that all the Children of the Lord shall be taught of the Lord, and be established in Righteousness. And as for those Ministers that say, Men and women can never be freed from Sin, while they are here, nor made perfect while they are in the body; I say, such Ministers do not know Christ Jesus the Light, nor his Ministry, which saith, *When he ascended up on High, he led Captivity captive, & gave gifts unto men; some Prophets, some Apostles, some Ministers, for the perfecting of the Saints, and for the Work of the Ministry, and for the edifying of the whole body of the Church*. And again it is said, *All Scripture given by the Inspiration of the Holy Ghost, is wholesome for Doctrine, for Instruction, for Reproof, and Correction in Righteousness, that the man of God may be made perfect, and thoroughly furnished to every good Work*.

Now let all sober-minded men, consider where

where men and women should be made perfect, if not here, while they are in this body ; If not in this Body, where then ? *Solomon saith, As the tree falleth so it lieth ;* & the Spirit of the Lord doth not once mention any other place to be purged in, in all the Scriptures of truth. And the Prophet spake to the Church, and said, *The Lord would purely purge away the dross, and take away the tin, and rebroate silver and gold.* And this I know, when Souls come to be quickned by the powerful Word of Life and Truth, they come to know the Purgings of the Father, and the Washing in the Fountain of Eternal Cleanings, in the sweet Streams of Light and living Refreshment ; the everlasting Refining in the Sanctifying-Furnace of the Spirit of the Lord God ; and so they do come to be cleansed, purified, and sanctified throughout souls, bodies and Spirits, and are made Vessels of Honour, and fitted for Glory, without the help of any Man, or any outward Observation whatsoever. What is to be known of God is manifested *within* ; and He that giveth power over any ones sin, is sufficient to give power over all sins ; and will, and doth, to all that be obedient : *The willing and obedient shall eat the Good of the Land ; but they*

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that refuse and rebel, the Sword shall devour them; the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it, and his zeal will perform it.

There is none can forgive Sins but God only; against whom all sin is committed; for whatsoever just offence is given to any, he that giveth the offence, sinneth against the Commandment of God, which saith, *Do by all men as you would have them do unto you; and love thy neighbour as thy self.* He never commanded any to do contrary to his own nature, which is, *Love, Mercy, and Long-suffering*, waiting to be gracious; not willing the death of any, but that all should return and forsake the Evil of their Wayes, and deny the Evil of their Doings, and then he would have mercy upon them, and abundantly pardon all such as come to him in the Name of the Lord Jesus, bringing nothing with them but a penitent heart, and an humble spirit, confessing their sins, being weary of the burthen and weight of them; and he will forgive and take away the Guilt from the Conscience: while there is guilt within, the sin is not pardoned; when the Sin and the Guilt of Sin is taken away, then there is no Condemnation; but man is at unity with his Maker, & all Fear of Death and Torment is taken away; *for the Sting*
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of Death is Sin, and the Strength of Sin is the Law ; but thanks be to God, who hath given us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ, over Sin, Death, Hell and the Grave, together with all the dark Powers of the Earth. That as we, who are called *Quakers*, do continue in the *Light*, none can overcome us ; for Truth is stronger than all ; and the Lord our God will exalt his Truth over all Falshood and deceivable Shews : Everlasting Praises, eternal Glory, and heavenly Renown to his pure , holy and perfect Name for ever, world without end, *Amen, Amen.*

There is none can forgive Sins but God only , neither will he give his Honour to another ; though Christ said to his Apostles, *Whose Sins ye remit on Earth, shall be remitted in Heaven* ; he spake to them that were filled with his own eternal Spirit, and were able to discern an innocent penitent Heart, from a Hypocrite, in the Light and Life of Righteousness : and they did not say, they could forgive any their Sins, but they were sent to direct their Minds to God, who was, and is ready to forgive every one that cometh to him by Faith, and throughly purged and cleansed from all Iniquity. But as for those that have taken
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upon them to pardon Creatures for their Money, or if they will receive their Correction, and so deceive the poor People ; and so he. or they that doth pardon, and they that are pardoned of them, do, and will perish together eternally, unless they repent of their Blasphemies and Sorceries, Divinations, Inchantments, whereby the poor People are blinded and kept in ignorance, and in all manner of Unclean-ness, and are corrupted for want of Knowledge : *My People perish for want of Knowledge (saith God) and the Kingdom is shut up from the Simple-hearted ; and the Key of Knowledge is hid away by them that will not enter in themselves, nor suffer any to enter that would ; neither will they permit, that any of the Lord's Anointed, that have received the Key of Knowledge, should speak among the People ; but they say, None ought to speak in the Name of Jesus, but the divine Doctors that have received their Ordinations from them. The People are blind indeed that do think the Spirit of the Lord can be limited, tyed, confined, or dispenced by any mortal Man ; No, they that do make the people believe any such thing, are absolutely the Messengers of Satan, and not the Ministers of Christ ; they are*

are out of his Doctrine : such are Doctors of Divinity that dwell in the Divine Light of God, and grow into his Divine Nature, and do receive their Ministry by the Inspiration of his divine Spirit of Life and Power, and do speak as they are moved, and as the Spirit giveth them utterance in the Will of God ; they are no Men-pleasers, nor Time-servers, nor Will-worshippers ; for such cannot please God that seek to please man : and they are Hypocrites, that walk in the Imitations and Likenesses without the Life and Power, observing this thing, and observing the other.

Christ saith, *The Kingdom of Heaven cometh not with Observations ; but the Kingdom of God is within you ;* speaking to the unbelieving Jews, the Scribes and Pharisees, *Wise and Learned*, that were gone out from the Kingdom, the Measure of God in them, in which is Power to destroy the Works of the Devil in the Observations ; and Christ reprov'd them, and said to them, *The Kingdom of Heaven consists in Righteousness, Peace and Joy in the holy Ghost.*

Now that is the kingdom of Antichrist, in which kingdom is the City that Cain built, that is in the Observations : and Ba-
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bel, that *Nimrod* the *Heretick* begun to
 build, which is full of confused Noises; and
 Bloodshed, and all manner of Cruelty: *It*
is Babel that is built with blood; but Sion is
redeemed through judgment, and her converts
with righteousness. O! blessed be the pure,
 holy, and powerful Lord God, the Day of
 his Power, according to his determinate
 Counsel, is come, that Antichrists King-
 dom shall be destroyed; and *Babels* Buil-
 ding must fall: for the Mystery of *Baby-*
lon the Great, the Mother of Harlots, and
 Abominations of the Earth, is made ma-
 nifest by the bright Appearing of the Lord
 Jesus; and the Children of Light are able
 to fathom and comprehend her and all her
 Lovers, and to see the Foundation they
 stand on, and the Ground they act from,
 which is but as Water, (as *John* saith
 on his *Revelations*, he saw Nations Waters,
 Peoples Waters, and Tongues Waters,
 yea, Men Waters; Peoples and Nations
 all unstabled like the Waves of the Sea,
 tossed to and fro with every Wind of Do-
 ctrine in the changable; gone out from that
 which changeth not, into the many Ways,
 and have heaped to themselves Teachers
 having itching eares, and cannot endure
 sound Doctrine, but saith, Preach unto us
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smooth things ; so they do preach Peace where the Lord proclaimeth War ; and bless themselves in that nature , that is everlastingly shut out of the Kingdom of God ; and excluded from his living Presence : But the Lord God of Life and Power will , & hath discovered the Spirit of the Barren woman , that hath made all Nations drunken with the Wine of her Fornication , and the Inhabitants of the Earth were surfeited and overcome with her Abomination : She shall soon be cast into a Bed of Torment with all her Lovers , where she shall have Torment without Ease ; Judgment without Mercy ; a full Cup without Mixture , and the Dregs wrung out unto her , and she shall be rewarded double for all her Iniquities ; the Lord will mar her beauty and stain her glory , and strip off her costly robes , and lay her honour in the dust , and turn her songs into howling , and her mirth into mourning , and her musick into lamentation ; and she shall receive a Cup of trembling at the Lord's hand , and all her glory , pomp and pride shall perish as the untimely figs , and fade as the flower of the field , and wither as the grass upon the house top ; and the Smoak of her torment shall ascend in the sight of all people , and

it shall go forth in the audience of all Nations ; and she shall be a by-word, and a scorn, a taunt, hissing, and derision, and scouring to as many as have heard of her Name ; and a day of lamentation shall be heard in the midst of her great Tribulation, Wrath and Anguish, upon every Soul that doth Evil, because she repented not of her Uncleaness, Fornication, Cruelty, Hardheartedness and Mercilessness, and all her Uncharitableness, and Blasphemy, and Sorceries, and the like Wickedness.

And this I give in my Testimony for the Lord in the living Word of Truth, against Her and all her Lovers, and every one that uphold Her, as I have received it by the Revelation of the Son of God, and not from, or of any Flesh or Blood, but have seen, handled and tasted deeply of the Cup of the Indignation of the Lords Judgment. *If Judgment first begin at the house of God, what will become of them that obey not the Gospel of God ? for if the Righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the Wicked and Ungodly appear ?*

Now for some help and light for the understanding of them that do not know the Mystery of Iniquity, and that spirit that doth generate it here, as aforesaid :
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the spirit of Antichrist is that spirit in every one that doth profess Christ Jesus in words, but doth not possess him in life and power; and such are they that are making Images, and forms, and likenesses without, and call it by Christ's Name, and say it doth represent Christ; when none can make his Likeness, nor bear his Image, but those that are created anew in Christ Jesus, and born of the same Spirit.

The righteous Image or Form of Christ, is the perfect Life of Innocency, and the pure Spirit of Meekness, and an upright heart of true Humility, as it is written, *Upon whomsoever you shall see the Spirit of the Lord descend like a Dove, and abide upon him; this is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.* You all know a Dove is an innocent harmless creature, and so are all God's Children which are sanctified in the undefiled womb of God's second creation, where the first Heaven and the first Earth is passed away, and new Heavens and a new Earth are witnessed, wherein dwelleth Righteousness for evermore; and he that is called the *Son of Perdition*, is the *Man of Sin* in every particular, that steals away the heart, and draws out the mind from the true invisible God, and sets it upon earth-
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ly objects, and visible appearances : The glory of the world that doth fade and vanish away, as the smoak in the eye, and the painted harlot, is the fallen wisdom that is comprehended in the earthly mind, carnal understanding, and airy spirit, inventing and devising how to deck and beautifie her self with the glory of this world and outside shews, to get her self a name over all the Earth, and calls her self holy, pure and spiritual, that all people may fall down and worship her painted image, and so the wind of her spirit goeth forth, and overchargeth the hearts of the people, and corrupts them ; and when the heart is corrupted it conceiveth lust, and when lust is conceived it bringeth forth sin, and when sin is finished it bringeth forth death ; *The wages of sin is death* ; and the Scarlet-coloured Beast that doth uphold the adulterous woman, with all her allurements upon whom she sits, is that beast-like will of or in man, that is not subject to the Will of God, but hath received power to exalt his horn, even to the Host of Heaven, for the cleansing of the Sanctuary, and purifying of the Temple, and for the tryal of the Faith of God's Elect, that the power of God may rest upon them, and

so they come to be approved in the sight of all : and herein our God is glorified, honoured and renowned, over all, in purchasing to himself a *holy Kingdom*, through the blood of the *everlasting Covenant* in the *faithful-hearted*, that do follow the Lamb through great tribulations, according to the Scriptures. Every man out of the Covenant of God is brutish, and that spirit which doth exalt it self over the consciences of any people, to compel them by a tyrannous Law, to worship according to his will, and in his way, without any Commandment or Precept from the Lord, that is *Lucifer*, which the Lord God will cast down to the bottom of Infamy, and will do unto him, as he did to proud and lofty *Haman*, as the Spirit of the Lord hath manifested : for God and his Word are one, and his way to the Kingdom is but one, and he never compelled any with carnal weapons, or any visible thing, to worship him.

And whereas it is said, *he sent forth his servants to compel them that were in the streets, and in the high-ways, to come in by the powerful preaching of his Word of Life and Truth, that did limit and bind that in them that did rebel against him,*

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and so he drawed them after him in love ;
 and so he doth at this day ; Praises, praises
 to his holy and blessed Name for ever-
 more, *Amen*. And the false Prophet is he
 that cryeth, *Lo here is Christ*, and *Lo there* ;
 but Christ foretold of them, saying, *Many*
false Christs would come, saying, Lo here,
and Lo there ; but believe them not ; go not
forth : by their fruits you shall know them.
 And these are they that for advantage will
 cry, *Peace, peace*, while ye are unsaved from
 your sins ; and so, with good words, and fair
 speeches deceive the hearts of the simple, and
 smoothly draws them after him, in the broad
 way, that leads to the chambers of death and
 destruction ; and in their high places they
 will tell you, you must not be drunk, nor
 lust, nor envy, nor covet, nor live in pride,
 nor any such evil things, when they them-
 selves are wholly guided and led by that
 same spirit, which is the very rise & author,
 yea, as I may safely say, the father of all
 manner of uncleanness and evil concupi-
 scence ; and so, though they do speak good
 words, it is but in imitation, because it
 was the practice of the Servants of the li-
 ving God so to do, yet being out of their
 Life, they can never convert any into
 the Truth, but their spirit doth beget the
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same form in the Hearers as is in the Teachers ; for such Seed as they sow, such Fruits they do reap, of all manner of unrighteousness : and these be they that will go about to limit the Spirit of God, and make the people believe, none ought to speak in the Name of Christ, but the Wise and the Learned, and them that have received Gifts of Men to Preach ; but Christ doth ordain his Ministers, and gives them Gifts both Male and Female ; yet they say *Paul* would not permit of a Woman to speak in the Church : it is true, *Paul* would not permit of a woman to speak in the Church ; no more do not the *Quakers* ; neither do they permit a Woman to speak in the Church, nor a Man that is born of a woman ; but he that is born of God, whether in Male or in Female, let him speak freely as his Father giveth him Utterance : *Let him that doth not understand come into Christ's School and learn : Paul* said, That if a Woman did pray or prophesie with her Head uncovered, she did dishonour her Head : if a woman might pray or prophesie with her head covered, it's very like she might do it in the Church as soon as in another place : But *Paul* nor *John* neither would not permit that *Jezabel*

bel, that painted Harlot, should speak in the Church, who hath painted her self with the Saints Words, but out of their life, she must keep silence in the Church; yea verily, the Power is made manifest in this the Lord's present day, that will shortly stop her mouth, and all her Lovers for evermore, world without end, Amen. The Glory is the Lord God's, who is risen in his mighty Power to raise up Sion, and to build up the walls of Jerusalem, and to raze down *Babel* to the ground, and to destroy the Kingdom of Antichrist, and to bring down all the Powers of Darkness under his feet.

This was written in the *Inquisition of Malta*, by the Lord's Servant, *Katherine Evans*; who am a Sufferer for God's eternal Truth, which is *my Joy, my Glory, and my Crown*: Magnified be the Name of the Lord God of Life and Power, who hath counted me worthy, not only to believe unto Salvation, but also, to suffer for the Sake of my blessed Saviour and perfect Redeemer, the *Lord Jesus Christ*; to whom be Glory for ever, world without end, *Amen, Amen*.

Oh Friends and People in all places, who are called Christians, fear the Lord
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God that gave you Life, and obey his holy *Gospel*, the *Light* in the *Conscience*, that convinceth of all Sin, and judgeth the Secrets of every ones Heart. O hearken to the heavenly Voice of the true invisible God ; he is near to every one to save or to condemn : Yea, of a truth, he is risen in great Power to correct the Wayes of men throughout all Nations; whose Wayes have been their own Wayes for many Generations past : but this is the Day in which the Lord God will restore Judges as at the first, and Counsellors as at the beginning : Wherefore let every one that hath received Power and Authority from the Lord to rule and regulate amongst the People, take heed that they do not abuse the Power, the Lord hath committed into their hands as a Stewardship, whereof they must give an account before the High and Mighty Judge of Heaven and Earth, that sits upon the Throne to Judge the Nations in Righteousness, and the People with Equity ; and he will smite the Earth with the Rod of his mouth, and consume the Wicked with the Breath of his lips ; and the Lord God will remove, and overturn, and cut down, till he hath exalted men like to faithful *Moses* and righteous *Samuel*, to

do the work of Justice, Mercy and Equity to every one, without respect to Persons, in the Fear and Dread of the Lord, not seeking their own honour, and glory, but the Honour and Glory of the Lord God. And thus he will make you honourable in the sight of all men; for of a truth, they that exalt themselves shall be brought low; but they which the Lord doth exalt, none can cast down: and likewise see that you do not judge others for that which your selves stand guilty of, or the like sin in the self-same nature; if so, wherein ye judge others, you condemn your selves, and your own Condemnation will stand over your own heads for ever.

Wherefore take heed how you do mount in the Seat of Tribunal; and let every Thought, Word and Action, in your Sentences of Judgment of others, be according to the *Light* of God in your own *Consciences*; which otherwise will be your eternal Condemnation without any excuse, in the Presence of the Lord God Almighty; whose Voice doth shake terribly the Earth, and makes the Hearts of the *Heathen* to tremble; and doth, and will remove Mountains, and over-turn Hills; and take all that lets and stands in

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opposition against his pure Truth ; and the
 little Hill of *Sion* shall trample over all
 the Mountains to the Ends of the Earth :
 And who shall be able to resist it ? no, no,
 not one : the Lord will rip up every false
 Covering, & strip off every deceitful Gar-
 ment, and make manifest every seducing
 Spirit, and blind Guide, and false Teach-
 er, that doth work by signs and lying won-
 ders, with all manner of Deceivableness ;
 and doth deceive the hearts of the Simple,
 and stealeth away their hearts, and draweth
 out their minds from the true invisible
 Lord God that made them, and doth set
 them upon earthly Objects, and visible Ap-
 pearances, and the Glory of this life that
 will perish for ever, and vanish away like
 the smoak in the aire ; and the invisible
 God they have no more knowledge of, than
 the beast that perisheth : and these be them
 that run, and the Lord never sent them,
 and saith, *Thus saith the Lord* ; and the
 Lord hath not spoken unto them, neither
 did they ever see his face, nor hear his
 voice at any time ; neither do they profit
 the people at all, but build them up in the
 Mystery of Iniquity, and teach them
 to wonder after the monstrous Beast, which
 hath many Heads, and many Horns, and

Mouths full of Blasphemy, and Eyes full of Adultery, walking in the broad way that leads to the chambers of death and destruction, and to the Pit of everlasting Perdition ; and shuts up the Kingdom from the Simple-hearted ; and hides the Key of Knowledge from the innocent Ones ; and will not enter in themselves, nor suffer them to enter that would : and these are them that feed of the Fat, and go on their Bellies all their life long ; the Serpents of the earth that suck the sweet up, the spirit of the earth ; and they make the poor people believe it doth belong to them in Christ, because they must pray for them, to the saving of their Souls. O these be *Hypocrites*, and they do not know the Price of the redemption of a Soul out of death ; neither have they the Knowledge of God ; nor his Way to Salvation ; for if they did know the Lord, they would fear and dread his holy Name, and teach the People the Way to Life eternal, which is the *Light* in the *Conscience* in every one ; and he that comes not to the *Light*, comes not into the Way of God which leads to the Kingdom of God : The Kingdom of God is one, his Way is one, his Light is one, his Life is one, and his Spirit of Truth is one, and

and his Word is one ; and what he speaks once, he speaks still ; and what he once condemns, he never justifies ; and what he once justifies, he never condemns : He is God, and changeth not, but *the same, yesterday, and to day, and so likewise for ever.*

Now they that are in the changeable, and in the many wayes, are out of the Way of God, which is Light, and are in the dark, and do not see the way they walk in, neither do they know the Lord, nor his Word, that is quick and powerful, sharper than a two-edged Sword; for did they know that Word, they would not dare to mock and scorn at them that tremble at the Word, and meet together to wait upon the Lord in silence, and do hearken diligently to know the Mind of God; that they may not sin against him, nor act contrary to him ; but those men or women cannot discern the Mind of God that are not crucified with Christ Jesus, and the Body of sin & death destroyed, which is a mystery to all the Wisdom & Learning in the world, that do not own the Light in the Conscience to be their alone Teacher, but live in the disobedient nature out from God and his Truth, in the earthly mind and carnal will, comprehending this thing and that
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in the fallen wisdom, inventing, devising, and imagining things that never were, nor is, nor never will be: So your Prophets, they prophesie lies, and the Priests bear rule by their means, and the People love to have it so; but what will they do in the end thereof, in the day when the Lord shall require the Talent that he gave to every one to profit withal?

Now, where is the Talent with the Improvement? is it not lost? is it not hid in the barren wilderness, and in the desolate places of the earth? Oh, try and examine search and consider, where is that good and faithful Servant, and just Steward, that hath improved his Talent for his Masters use, and is ready to give up his Accounts with joy before the Tribunal of the Majesty of the Most High, having his Garment washed in the Blood of the Lamb, and his heart sprinkled from an evil Conscience, and the Body washed with pure water; I do not say nor mean external water, to wash the out-side of the body, but I do mean the spiritual Water, that streams from the Fountain or Rock; Christ Jesus, to wash the inside, and to cleanse the Soul and Spirit from all Pollution and Defilement: *Ye wash the outside while*

*while the inside is not cleansed ; the inside will defile the outside again ; but if the inside be cleansed and purged from all dross, and tin, and reprobate silver and gold, then it would cleanse the outside also, and keep it clean : it is the corrupted Beast that is full of Lust and all manner of Deceivableness, that defileth the whole body within and without : So the man or woman, whose heart is without Deceit, & whose mouth is without guile, and whose tongue doth not utter falsehood, nor hath no flattering lips, nor polluted hands, nor feet swift to shed blood ; such are known to be cleansed every whit, and they see God : *The pure in heart do see God*, but they whose hearts are daubed and slimy, through deceit and hypocrisie, hard-heartedness and cruelty, and the like, such cannot see God ; nor they that take honour and seek honour of one another, do not believe : *How can you believe* (saith the Apostle) *while you take Honour one of another ?* And, all that Honour or take Honour of earthly men, do rob God, to whom all Honour, Worship, Praise and Glory doth belong ; and all that do honour God, and obey his Voice in the Truth, the Lord will make them honourable in the sight of all men ; but all that live in Pride and Covetousness,*

roufness, Lust and Drunkenness, are out of the Truth ; and all who live in Swearing, Lying, Deceit, or Hypocrisie, or Envy, Hatred, Malice, Bloodshed, Hardheartedness or Cruelty, are out of the Truth ; or they which live in Thieving, or Cozening, Cheating, Dissembling, Flattering, Whispering, Backbiting, Bragging or Boasting, speaking great swelling Words, having mens Persons in admiration because of advantage ; these are all out of the Truth, and are Hereticks, and are carried out of the Way of God with *Nimrod* and *Judas*, King *Herod* and *Pharoah*, and the rest of that untoward Generation, not knowing the Scriptures, neither the Power of God ; and because they do not believe them nor understand them, therefore they hide them from others, and do corrupt them, and add to them, and diminish from them, not fearing the Lord God that gave them forth by his own free Spirit, and for the edification of every one. But I am bold to declare in the Name of the true and living God, that all the Plagues which are written in them, will soon come upon the back of such a People or Souls, that have wrought this Wickedness in the sight of the Lord God of Power, who is risen, and will render

der Vengeance in Flames of Fire upon them that know him not, and do not obey his Gospel, but live in the earthly Mind and carnal Will, fallen from God, and compelling the People to follow their devised Wayes, building of them up in Sin and Wickedness, yet making them believe they may go to Heaven at the last, though they live in Sin till they die: Oh! that ever any People or Souls should ever be so blind and ignorant, to think that though they spend all their appointed Time in Sin and Iniquity, and run out the whole course of natures race in pleasure, negligence and carelesness; and when they cannot retain it any longer, then do they offer up their sinful Souls as a Sacrifice acceptable to God, who is of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; though it be in his beloved *Jacob*, it shall not go unpunished: Oh! methinks that no rational or sober-minded Man or Woman should once credit or believe, that do know the Scriptures, that there is any place appointed of God for any Creatures to be purged or cleansed after they are dead; seeing the Holy Men of God, as they were moved of the holy Ghost, have so evidently and clearly set forth in the Scriptures of Truth, That
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those which are Heirs of Eternal Salvation, must come to be converted, and to live the Life of Christ while they are here in the body. Though God delighted in Mercy, and that the Thief was saved upon the Cross, because it was given him of the Lord, to believe at last, because that none should despaire; yet, Woe, Woe from the Lord God to every one that puts off the Day of Repentance, saying in their hearts, The evil day is afar off: *In the day of ignorance the Lord winked, but now he calleth every one to repent.* And as for such as do talk of a *Purgatory*, it doth manifest their Ignorance of the Knowledge of God: for I witness in the Life of God's Spirit, such know not Heaven nor Hell; God nor Devil, and so they call Light Darkness, and Darkness Light; Good Evil, and Evil Good, and teach the People so to do: but God is not well pleased with any of those, nor with them that do boast themselves, saying, How great the Kingdom is, and how many Countries, and innumerable sight of People belongeth to their Church, in all places! but them that trust in the Arm of Flesh; yea, in the strength of *Pharoah*, and in the Shadow of *Egypt*; but the strength of *Pharoah* will be her shame, and their trusting

trusting in the shadow of *Egypt* their confusion : God's Kingdom is the least, as to the visible strength ; but the greatest in the invisible power : *Fear not little Flock* (saith Christ) *it is your Fathers good pleasure to give you the Kingdom* : The Kingdom of God consists not in the arm of Flesh, but it stands in his own Power and Almightyness : That is Antichrists Kingdom whose power stands in outward weapons, which is carnal, as Locks and Bolts, and Iron-bars & Chains, and Whips, and Racks, and the like : *Our Weapons are not carnal, but spiritual*, (saith the Apostle) *to the pulling down Strongholds, Principalities and Powers, and high and lofty Looks, with spiritual Wickedness in High Places* : So one of them that stands in the Power of God, out of the Power of the Prince of the Air, is able to chase ten, and ten a thousand, according to the righteous Prophecie of the Holy Man of God ; Those that dwell in the Fear of the Lord, and truly dread his pure Name at all times, every word that proceedeth out of their mouths, is as the Words of God's own mouth, which cannot be altered nor changed to all eternity ; for such are the Vessels that hold the heavenly Treasures, Gods free Gifts and eternal Graces,

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and everlasting Mercies, and divine Vertues, spiritual Blessings, which God doth not reveale in any earthly-minded Man, whose mind is wandering after earthly Glory, Honour, Riches and Treasures; but he reveals his eternal Riches in the Earthen-vessel; whose mind and soul is quickned, raised, and changed, by the Power of the Almighty God, and joyned to the *Light*, the measure of his own Spirit, to convert them, and bear them up into the same state and image wherein God created the soul and mind of man at the first: In the beginning of his Creation, God did not create the outward Form of mankind in his own Similitude and Likeness: No, for then all men would bear the similitude and likeness of God throughout all Generations; which thing could never be for wicked and ungodly men, whose thoughts and imaginations are evil continually, and are of their father the Devil, and his works they do, and his image and likeness they bear. God is a perfect Spirit of divine Light, and immortal Glory; and his Son Jesus Christ, is the expresse Image of his everlasting Fathers eternal Brightness; and none can ever liken nor fashion any thing like him: and

And them that bear the image of the Devil, they live in spiritual pride, and are haughty minded, and will not be reformed, nor hearken to the Counsel of God, nor imbrace his gracious Invitations, nor receive his tender Mercies, nor be warned by his favourable Judgements, nor gentle Corrections; but in obstinacy and perverse rashness, alwayes resist it, and cast it behind their backs, and trample it under their feet, till the Lord is even forced to be a swift Witness against them, and to sweep them away with the besom of destruction; and so here their end is woful, and their torment is eternal, and the Lord is clear of their blood, and they must confess their destruction is of themselves.

They that are of the Image and Likeness of Christ, are created anew in Christ Jesus to every good work, and have received, and do live in, and are guided by the pure Spirit of perfect Peace and Patience, perfect Love, and bowels of tenderness, mercy and pitty towards every one, without respect of persons; and they have alwayes a holy fear, true humility, and a heart of uprightness; and such persons do bear the true image and similitude of God the Father, and the form and likeness

of his Son Jesus Christ, after the inward man; and they are patterns of good works, and good examples to all whereever they come, and it is their meat and drink to do the Will of God, wheresoever he shall call them, or command them to follow the Lamb, from Sea to Sea, and from Island to Island, and from Country to Country, to bear his holy Name, and to witness forth his eternal Truth to all people that live in darkness and blindness, according to the righteous examples of his Saints and Servants, that were guided by the same Spirit, and walked in the perfect way of God in the antient dayes, and are as willing, and do suffer for our honourable Testimony, that our pure, holy and just God, whose right it is, may have the Glory, Praise and Renown to the ends of the Earth, throughout all Generations. *Amen, Amen,* saith the Spirit.

Written at *Malta*, by me
the Lord's Servant,

19th of the 8th month,

Katherine Evans.

1662.

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Although that they my Bible keep from
 That I the holy Scriptnres cannot see,
 The Precepts pure, which are upon record,
 That were giv'n forth by th Spirit of the Lord;
 Yet, a small Book hid in a secret place
 Have I, where I can read the words of grace:
 And in the same I can discern
 The bastard from the perfect born.

For unto us a Child is born,
 Who'l break to pieces that great Horn,
 Which hath lift up himself on hie,
 Upon the Throne of Majestie;
 He shall be brought down under all,
 Where he shall lie, and cry, and call
 To's Idol-gods, which alwayes he
 Hath worshipped with heart and knee.

But no Salvation he shall find
 Among his gods, that are so blind,
 Both dumb and deaf, like unto he,
 They cannot speak, nor hear, nor see
 His Pictures, and his painted walls,
 His Altars, and his Temple-Vails;
 His golden Images every one
 Shall soon be brought to destruction.

All Praises to the God of might,
 Which hath preserv'd us day and night
 'Mongst Lions, Wolves, that are so strong,
 Although they make us suffer long;
 Yet the Diviners do run mad,
 And lying Prophets they are sad.
 Th'exalted Beast in his renown
 Triumphs that he shall gain the Crown:

Because that Pharoah's on his side,
 And lofty Haman in his pride,
 And bloody Herod with his Sword;
 All fighters are against the Lord.
 But th' God of Pow'r, which is so strong,
 Will soon reward them every one;
 According unto Heavens decree,
 For their Rebellion, Blasphemy.

Then some shall howl, and some shall mourn,
 The rest shall wish they'd ne'r been born,
 For pain and torment day and night:
 Because they have despis'd the Light.

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When dear Daniel Baker was at
Malta, I had a very small Token
to present him in a Paper, with these
lines.

*The thing is little, receive my love,
It cometh from a harmless dove;
Within whose breast doth still remain
God's perfect praises to maintain.*

*I have not time nor place to show
The love that from my soul doth flow,
The Cristal streams so pure and bright,
That do arise both day and night.*

*My love to Truth, doth me constrain
In Prison ever to remain;
If it be so, I cannot be
In Truth and Righteousness set free.* **I**

*My dear Redeemers face so bright
Doth shine upon me day and night;
His Countenance doth exceed all
Captivity and bondage thrall.*

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Though my mortal body be bolted fast,
yet my immortal soul hath room to pass
by Sea and Land, and cannot be prevented
by an Enemy.

Lord, teach me in thy Wayes,
that I may walk therein,
And lead me in thy Paths,
and cleanse me from all sin.

Before I knew the Lord my God
to be so near to me,
I walked in the way so broad,
thinking he did not see.

But when my wayes directed were,
and paths the Lord did guide,
I walked alwayes in his fear,
and did not go aside.

Heavens Glory is appearing,
And his Brightness shineth forth
O're all Nations, for the clearing
Of the Lord's Eternal Truth.
Now ev'ry one that sits in darkness,
Under the shade of Death doth lye,
May come forth unto the Brightness,
Out of gross obscurity.

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For now a Fountain is set open,
He that will may freely come in,
Unto the everlasting Ocean,
And be cleansed from his sin;
And ev'ry one that is in bondage,
And in deep Captivity,
Under *Pharaoh* and his Army,
Shall be set at liberty.

If that they will seek their Freedom
At the hand of God alone,
They shall be Heirs of his Kingdom,
And wear the victorious Crown.
It is not all the pain and labour
That ever mortal men can take,
Which can bring them into favour
With the Lord, that did them make.

But they that stand in self-denial,
Taking up their Cross daily,
Thorow many a fiery tryal,
For God's Truth most valiantly :
'Tis them alone shall be preserved,
By the Pow'r of God most hie ;
And none but them shall be received
Into glorious Liberty.

The Candles of the Lord are lighted,
For to search *Jerusalem*,

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And all Nations are invited
To the Marr'age of the Lamb.
Blessed are they that keep their Armour,
And in their Wedding-Garments drest,
Ready to enter the Brides Chamber,
They are counted with the Guests.

Now the Lord will purge all Nations
Out of gross obscurity,
Destroying all the deeds of Darkness,
Deceit and Hypocrisy.
Th' Trumpets are struck up in *Sion*,
And do give a dreadful sound,
For the razing down of *Babel*,
With her glory to the ground.

And *Antichrist*, with all his Fashions,
And Delusions, which are strong,
Shall suddenly be dash'd to pieces :
Christ alone shall wear the Crown.

: Printed by *Katherine Evans*.

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Upon the face of the Earth ;
A SWEET
SALUTATION
And a CLEAR
MANIFESTATION
OF THE
True Light,

That lighteth every one that cometh
into the World.

By SARAH CHEEVERS.

*He was in the World, and the World knew him
not ; but to as many as received him, to
them he gave power to become the Sons of
God, even to as many as believed in his
Name.*

London, Printed for R. Wilson, 1663.

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*To all People upon the face of the
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ALL People, high and low, rich and poor, Kings, Princes and Rulers, or of what degree or quality soever they are, together with *All People and Commonwealths* in the whole World; A *brief Direction*, and a *sweet Invitation* to the measure of Light wherewith ye are lighted every one, to the which ye do well to turn your minds to *within*, where you may find it in your hearts, the *hidden man*, wherein dwells the fulness of all Blessedness, in this present life, and that which is to come, Life everlasting, endurable Riches, Glory and Immortality, a Substance that never waxes old, nor fadeth away, but endures everlastingly. Which Riches and Glory none can attain to, but as they come to the measure of Light, to receive power to become the Sons and Daughters of the living God, and in the Light to receive a blessing of eternal Salvation, which God hath promised to them that believe and obey; to

them doth the Lord God make known the Counsel of his Will, and the living Testimony of his Truth, *the sure Word of Prophecy, to which ye do well if ye take good heed, as to a Light that shineth in a dark place, till the day dawn, and the day-star arise in your hearts,* to give you the knowledge of the true and living God, in the Light and Seed of Life Eternal, the Covenant of Holiness, in whom is the blessing; and all that come to receive him, come to receive all things with him, and come to inherit the Promises, and to be established in the Light and Life of Righteousness, and grow into the Divine Nature of God, and to be like him in all things; *pure, as he is pure; holy, as he is holy; merciful, as he is merciful; full of love, long-suffering, forbearing, and forgiving transgression, sin and iniquity; slow to wrath, full of bowels of love, tender, compassionate and pittiful.*

O dear people, Did you know the Love of our God, you then would repent that you staid so long from him, living in your sins, in that nature which is accursed, and shall never enter into the Kingdom of God, but is shut out with the Dogs, and Sorcerers, the fearful and Unbelievers, and those that hate the Light, and despise the Truth and Righte-

Righteousness, and are strangers to the Commonwealth of *Israel*, without God in the world, spending away your precious time in your own lusts, living in pride and vain-glory, feeding your selves out of the fear of the living Lord God, dead in sins and trespasses, not minding your poor souls, what will become of them? slaying the righteous Witness, murdering the just Principle of Light, the measure of Grace that hath appeared unto all; the same which never consented to sin, but alwayes bears witness against you for it, when no eye hath seen it; that of God, the Light, hath and doth condemn you, and makes you confess and say, *God forgive me.*

And you are convinced by the Light in the Conscience, and by the Light are you check'd and reprov'd of every transgression against God, and his pure, holy, just, and good Love. And so if you do not repent and turn to the Lord, you will die without mercy, and perish in your sins, except you believe: *I am he* (saith Christ) *you shall die in your sins.*

There are none can know God, but by the measure of his own Light: *For God is Light*, and they who are in darkness do not know God, nor his wayes, which are undefiled:

defiled : for all the wayes of God are Holiness ; and without Holiness none can see the Lord. The pure in heart shall see the Lord ; and the humble the Lord will teach his Ways, and the meek he will guide in Judgment, and the poor in spirit he will beautifie with Salvation, Glory, and Renown. He will feed the hungry with good things, but the fat and full shall be fed with Judgment, and the rich he will send empty away : He will gather the poor into his Light, and they shall walk in the Light of the Lord God of their Salvation, and be refreshed ; The proud, and the lofty, and such as rebel against the Light in their Consciences, by the Light shall be condemned ; And the faithful Witnesses of God in the Faithful, will stand over the Wicked, and judge them righteously for all their Rebellion ; And those that love the Light, will bring all their deeds to the Light, to see whether they are wrought in God yea or nay, and so they come to be accepted, and all their works done in the Light, and by the Light in their Consciences justified in the sight of God, and before man : And so they walk in obedience to the measure of the Light within, and the hidden man of the heart comes to be manifested, in a righteous Life and a holy

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Conversation ; and so the pure Image and Life of Innocency comes to be restored, and the soul comes to live in the quickning Spirit, the Lord from Heaven, the *second Adam*, and comes to be established in the Light and Covenant of Eternal Life ; and the Seed of the Kingdom of God comes to grow over all, and to be known to be the true Seed by its fruits, *And so shall men know you are my Disciples, because you love one another. And if you love me (saith Christ) you will keep my Commandments.*

Love is the fulfilling of the pure Law. And those that love God, love their Brethren also. And herein is Love made perfect, *Perfect Love casteth out Fear.*

Where Love is not, there the Light doth condemn, and so there is fear and torment, and the Seed is kept under ; the hard heart and the wicked, rule, and have dominion, and the pure meek Lamb is slain ; and so the Just suffers under the Unjust, where there is nothing but Cruelty, Rackings, Halterings, Prisons, Locks, Double-Doors ; all to torment and terrifie the Consciences of them that live in sin, under the dark Powers of the Earth, that are like unto themselves, bearing the Sword

over others, whilst they are under the same state of Condemnation themselves, and guilty of sin and transgression by their own Law and Rule; So whilst they are judging others, they themselves are become guilty and castawayes, and are condemned by the just and righteous Judge of all, the Light in their Consciences, who is just and true, and never consented to such cruelty, but alwayes reproveth it, and calls for Repentance, and a return of the mind to pure obedience, to the Light and Life of Righteousness, and to bring forth fruits meet for Repentance; and not think in your hearts to establish Truth and Righteousness by Cruelty and Oppression, out of the Light and Power of God; and those that cannot just submit to such men for Conscience sake, they come under their Laws, and are punished severely.

Oh all ye Rulers and Governours of Lands, Nations, and People of the same; This is the Word of the living Lord God, whom we serve; Do you take heed and be wise, and turn ye at the rebuke of the Lord, and despise not his Messengers that bring ye the Word of Reproof: for of a truth God is arisen in power, to correct, reprove, and rebuke the sons of men; be
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ye zealous therefore, and repent, lest his Hand be stretched out against you, and there will be none to help; but turn in your minds, *every one*, to the measure of Light, by which ye are lighted, to find out true Wisdom, and a right understanding of the Mysteries of the heavenly Kingdom of God, which is not attained to any other way but as the mind is turned *within*, and comes to be stayed in the Light, which is a perfect guide, knowledge, and a good understanding to the mind, heart and soul.

As ye come to believe, ye will come to receive power to subject all your own wils, thoughts, imaginations, words, wayes and works whatsoever, and to bring all to the Light to be tryed; then will ye come to a clear discerning of the living Power and moving Life of Righteousness, to the work of God; then all will be done in the Light, and you will have Peace of Conscience, and be justified in the sight of God, and just in the sight of man; and God will be glorified, and you will find rest for your souls, and be blessed of the Father, and enter into Life Eternal, and have joy in the Lord, and comfort in all that ye do.

O ye People of all sorts, throughout the face of the whole World, both high and low,

low, rich and poor, of what degree soever,
 Be wise, and prize your time, and hear what
 the Spirit doth testifie of your Redemption
 out of the Bondage of Corruption, from
 Sin and Satan, into the immortal Light and
 eternal Life of the blessed Lamb of God,
 who taketh away sin from all those that
 come to him, and cureth them of their
 evils, and by his power casts out Devils,
 and giveth sight unto the blind, and cau-
 seth the deaf to hear, and the dumb to
 speak, and his tongue to sing; the lame to
 walk; and the poor to receive the Gospel.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, theirs is the
 Kingdom immortal and undefiled, that
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 dureth everlastingly and eternally, in the
 heavenly fulness of all Eternity with God,
 who is the just Judge of all; and with the
 spirits of just men, made perfect; where
 there is no need of the Sun or Moon, but
 the Lamb is the light thereof; and to such
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 Name, and stand in awe of him, and sin
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pain nor grief : for the former things shall pass away, and behold I make all things new, saith the Lord God Almighty that liveth for ever. And, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, yea eternally blessed, they rest from their own labours, and their works follow them ; and all that they do, or have done in the Light, shall never fall away, fade nor wither, but flourish and stand everlastingly ; their seed shall be as Mount Sion, never to be blotted out, upon the Throne of Dominion to all following Generations, world without end, Amen.

Dear People, What profit is it to gain the whole World, and lose your own souls ? which are immortal, which are to remain for ever. The souls that sin shall die eternally. *Except ye believe that I am he* (saith Christ) *ye shall dye in your sins.* This is the Condemnation of the World, The true Light is come, and men love darkness rather than the Light, because their deeds are evil. Every one that loves the Light, doth and will bring his deeds to the Light, to see whether they are good or evil ; Or, whether they are wrought in God, yea or nay. And those that love the Light, will do nothing contrary to the measure of the Light within the heart and conscience, that
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 souls and strength, and to serve him, and
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 obey him, in the Light and Life of Christ,
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 nor enter into Life. *This is Life eternal,*
to know the onely true God, and Jesus Christ
whom he hath sent; the true Light, that
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lighteth every one that cometh into the world, the Life eternal ; to every one that doth believe, he is their Light, Life, and eternal Salvation.

And this is our true Testimony, The *Light in every Conscience*, that bears witness to us, and our Message, that it is of God, and so we are clear of every man's blood, where-ever we came, warning all, as opportunity did present ; and for this we suffer as living Witnesses, and have set to our seals, *That God is true*, and we have received him that is true, the *Light*, where-by we know God, and are entred into Covenant with him, to do his Will. This is the good and acceptable Will of God, *that ye believe in him whom he hath sent. (I come (saith Christ) that ye may have Life.*

They that stumble at the Light, do not know Christ ; for Christ is Light, the Covenant of God's free Love, Grace and Mercy to every one that believes ; and in him is Power : they that receive him, receive power to deny sin, and to live no longer therein. They that live in sin, crucify Christ the Prince of Life, the measure of Light, and murder the Holy One, that Just Witness of God in their Consciences, that never consented to the committing

ting of one sin, and so are guilty of the blood of the Innocent Lamb of God. And no Murderer hath Eternal Life abiding in him, but is in the state of Condemnation, separated from the Light and Life of Righteousness, in the Fall, in the Curse, in the Reprobation, in the Wrath of the Almighty God, who will render *Vengeance in flames of fire to such that know him not*; but sin against the Light that convinceth of all sin, and makes manifest every evil deed, done in the body; and will bring to light every hidden thing, done never so secretly in the dark.

And now ye that despise the Light, and will not hearken to the Counsel of the Lord, nor turn at his Reproof, when the Light doth check & reprove you, and clearly shews unto you, you should not commit sin, yet presumptuously will go on to sin against the Light in your own Consciences; you disobey the Lord, and obey the Devil, and his children you are, and ye do his work, and serve sin, and are far from the Light and Life of Righteousness; and *the wages of sin is death, Hell and destruction, but the gift of God is Eternal Life. The Light is the free gift of God, and in the Light is Life Eternal, and all fulness; for God is*
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Light, and hath lighted *everyone*, and hath manifested in all a measure of the same that bringeth salvation to all that do believe; the Living Word of Truth, that is received into a good heart, like the seed that is cast into good ground, it brings forth much fruit and good, with its increase abundantly: so the Light being received, embraced, loved and obeyed, it increaseth, multiplieth, beareth and bringeth forth abundantly, and fills the earth with the fruit thereof. And God will be glorified by his own Seed of Light, Life and Immortality, and the hearts and souls of those will be comforted, strengthened and exceedingly refreshed; and God will be greatly delighted in such a people, and they shall receive the promise of all blessedness in this life, and in the life to come eternally in the fulness of joy, and everlasting felicity world without end.

Dear Friends and People, in tender bowels of love, as one that hath received mercy from the Lord, I beseech you to be reconciled to the measure of Light where-with ye are enlightened every one, to lead you to God out of the fall, and to gather you out of the many things, to be redeemed into the Light, and one Life of Righteousness,

ousness, and perfect Innocency, as at the beginning, to serve God in purity and holiness : for God is holy, and he cannot be served any other way, but in the Light that proceedeth from himself; where all his works are done : none can work the works of God in the dark ; God doth all his works in the light, that all may see it: they that come not to the Light do all their works in the dark ; and the Light then condemns it, that it is not wrought in God.

Without Faith it is impossible to please God, and he that believeth not in the Light believeth not God ; for *God is Light*, who is nigh to save or condemn ; and all that is to be known of God, is manifested in man by the Light. *David said, Thy Law is Light;* Paul said, *I had not known sin but by the Law; when the Commandment came, sin revived, and I dyed.* When the Light revealed sin in Paul, he consented to the Light, which was the law of his heart, mind and soul, being convinced by the Light, and turned to the Light in his Conscience, which was holy, just and good ; he joyned wholly to the Light, against the law in his members, that did war against the law of his mind, which let him see his wretchedness, emptiness, & nothingness, and to look who should deliver

ver him from that body of death, looking to the Light that had redeemed his mind, heart and soul, he therein was able to discern his deliverer and to give God the glory through our Lord Jesus Christ; and so he lived no more his own life, but the life of Christ, where no law, sin nor death could take hold of him, because he was wholly converted into the Light, and born of God, and could not commit sin, and so came to be made free from the law of sin and death, by the Light and Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus, and passed through death to life, and lived to God, who left us an example, *to follow him, as he followed Christ in all things*, and became obedient to the loss of all his own righteousness; who counted it all as dung, so he might gain Christ and his Excellency, the fellowship of his Sufferings, and to know the powerful Resurrection of Christ in him, and so to come to the fulfilling of the Righteousness of Christ in him *in all things*, as true as it is written upon Record.

And this is our Testimony in the same, as we come to believe and obey the Light with our minds, hearts and souls, we come to be crucified with Christ, and to be dead to sin, and to all our own righte-

teousness, and to live to God in the Light and Life of Christs Righteousness, that shall stand for ever; and to work the Works of God in the same, according as every one hath received from the Lord, and so to grow up together, living Members of the true Vine, planted of the noble Seed of Light, Life and Immortality; whose leaves shall never wither, but flourish, still and stand everlastingly: and all that this man doth shall be blessed, his seed shall inherit the Earth, his peace shall remain with him for ever; in Righteousness shall he be established on the Throne, Reign and Dominion of the Lamb, over all Reproaches; Derisions and Falshood, to trample upon all the dark, black Mountains, and to lay the high Hills waste, and to make the lofty to bow at the Power of the Mighty One of *Israel*, whose Presence doth shake the Earth, and cause the Mountains to tremble, the little Hills to skip like young sheep, the tall Cedars to bow.

We speak what we have known, seen and felt, and are eye-witnesses of the same, according to our measures; and are in the same Power, Light and Life, by which the World was made, and in it we stand

stand living Witnesses for God's Truth against all that do oppose it, and stumble at the Light, and who say it is a *New Light*, and yet they are teachers of others; and say they do represent Christ, and have power to save, or to condemn; when they do not know themselves, neither the true Light, that is the discerners of the thoughts and intents of all hearts, and doth lay them open in the consciences of all, and will rip up all false coverings, and will leave all such naked and bare in this day of his Power: And by the same Light where-with such are lighted, shall they themselves be judged, and condemned eternally, except they can find a place to repent.

And let all such know, *That this is the true Light*, (that the holy Scriptures hold upon record) *that lighteth every one that cometh into the world (and there is not another) the same that was in the beginning, by whom the World was made, and all things therein, and by which it is upheld; the same that led our holy Fathers through the Wilderness, and gave them to drink of the Spiritual Rock, which was Christ the Light, the same yesterday, this present day, not otherwise for ever: This is He that is the Salvation of all that do believe in his Name; and there is no*

other name given under Heaven whereby we can be saved, but by Christ the Light, God's free gift unto Salvation to every one that believes ; he is the Covenant of Light, to open the blind eyes, and to unstop the deaf ears, and to cause the dumb to speak, and the lame to walk, and the poor to receive the Gospel, and to bind up the broken in heart, and to set the Seed at liberty, to serve the Lord, and worship him, in the light of God's Countenance ; for the dead cannot praise God, nor serve him ; it is the living that praise the Lord, those that are quickened, and raised from death to Life Eternal, by the Power of God, and that dwell in the Light, the Covenant of God, where no sin is committed, neither can any thing enter there that is defiled ; no vulturous eye hath ever seen it, it is for the Redeemed of the Lord to return with everlasting Salvation, and to reign with the Lamb, Kings and Priests in the Kingdom, that's prepared for all those that love the Light, and who wait for his Appearance in Power and great Glory, to rule in the Consciences, whose right alone it is ; and all that is exalted above the Light, to be subdued and brought under, that the Earth may be made his foot-stool, that

that God may be all in all, whose Glory is his own for ever and evermore ; to which all the upright in heart do say, *Amen.*

They that know not the Light, know not the Power of God ; they stumble at the stumbling-stone, and yet they say, they are Teachers of others, and they call themselves Holy men, and Ministers ; and they who will not give to them that title, they will cast such into Prison till they die ; And they say, if the People come to know the Light, wherein to teach them, and guide them up to God, who is Light, then their work would cease ; and what then should all they do, that have been brought up (and are) in Learning ? who are many hundreds in one place, by their own account. I tell such in the Name and Power of the living Lord God, *Except you repent, you will all perish* ; and all that is done out of the Light, is for eternal Condemnation : They that are in the dark, and administer there in that nature, out of the Light, they are the Ministers of Antichrist, and do deny Christ to be come in the flesh : for Christ is Light ; *I am the Light of the World*, saith Christ ; *And this is the true Light, that lighteth every man that cometh into the world* : And the Mini-

sters that are sent of Christ, they are in the Light, and their Ministry is of the Light, and from the Light, and their dwelling it is in the Light, and they are taught of God, and they teach and speak the living Word of God, as they are moved by the Light and Spirit of Life, which is infallible, and shall stand for ever; and they receive power from the Light to gather out from amongst all Nations, Tongues and Kindreds of the Earth, Christ's Flock, the lost Sheep of the house of *Israel*, and they come to hear the onely Voice of Christ; and they follow him, and a stranger they will not hear; And their Ministry is the Power of God, that doth turn from darkness to Light, and from the Power of sin, to the Power of God, which is Light; and in the Light dwelleth all fulness richly to be enjoyed.

And all those that receive the Light in the love thereof, they come to receive the Blessing in the Seed of the Promise, which God made to all the Faithful, *That in blessing he would bless, and in multiplying he would multiply abundantly:* The same that spake to our holy Fathers of old, is the same that speaketh to us; and assuredly God will perform his Covenant according to
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our integrity, faithfulness, and upright walking, in the dread and fear of his pure, clean, and undefiled Name, naked and bare in the Light and Life of Righteousness, meekly and humbly; having nothing to bring to him, but to wait to be filled with his Fulness : for he alone is the Saints portion in this present life a hundred fold, and in that which is to come Life everlasting, which eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, the Riches, Joy, and Eternal weight of Glory; which God hath prepared for them that love him, and are obedient to the Light, in whom is his Love : *For the willing and obedient shall eat the good of the Land; but that eye that refuses and rebels, the sword shall devour them; the Mouth of the Lord hath spoken it, and his Zeal will perform it.*

Therefore all ye careless ones, you that spend away your precious time, sporting your selves with your own deceivings, living in the Reprobation, out of the Blessing, in the Fall, where all sin is committed; where the Devil ruleth, and is head, guide and leader, and the heart, mind and soul is defiled, and the conscience polluted, and the whole body is a sink of all uncleanness : the tongue is at liberty to

speak perverse things, and the hands and feet are swift to shed blood, the throat is an open sepulcher ; with the mouth ye bless, but with the heart ye curse and blaspheme the Name of the Lord, denying the Light, and slaying the Prince of Life, and in some already slain : Wo and Misery is in your wayes ; *The way of Truth ye know not, no more than the beast that perisheth* ; yet for all this you must come to Judgment, and to give an account for every idle word, thought and yain imagination : for the measure of Light wherewith every one is lighted, the talent of God's free Grace, Love and Mercy, that hath appeared in every one to bring Salvation, it would have taught you to deny sin, and all manner of ungodliness, and to know your Maker, which cannot be known any other way, but by the measure of Light in the Conscience, that hath and doth convince, check and reprove of all sin; and by it will God judge the secrets of all hearts; and leave all without excuse : for to it all must come to be tryed ; it is a just Evidence, and will judge faithfully.

O return, return ye at the Reproof of the Lord God Almighty, and be ye warned in time to return to your Saviour ; at the eleventh

venth hour you may find mercy, before the door be quite shut, and then there is no entrance into the Kingdom of endless Blessedness, Joy and Peace, to sup with the Lamb, and to abide with him in everlasting Glory, which none can attain to, but such as love the Light, the Covenant of God's Writing in the heart, and inward parts of the souls, of every one that believes the little grain of the Seed of God, of his own Divine Nature, proceeding from his own Bowels, begotten by the Light, the measure of his own Purity.

Dear People, you that have any desires or breathings after the Way of Righteousness, Turn in your minds *within*, feel your Savior *near you*; look not out on any visible Object, or likeness of any thing that ever your visible eyes can behold, for there ye cannot find him who is an invisible Spirit of Life, Light and Power, perfectly holy, wise, eternally infinite, dwelling in Light and Fulness of his own Brightness and perfect Glory, every way full; and all his Works are perfectly holy, he changeth not, nor altereth his purpose; and what he hath decreed, shall verily come to pass, and man cannot alter it: therefore hath this eternal, infinite, wise Lord God Almighty,

ty, given to every man a measure of his own Light, and plac'd it in the Conscience, to guide and lead the mind, heart, and soul to serve God in all things, and to be like him; for God is Love, and the Light leadeth to Love; God is Mercy, and the Light leadeth to Mercy; God is pittiful, and the Light leadeth to Pittifulness; *Every good and perfect gift cometh from above, from the Father of Light, who giveth liberally to all that seek and ask of him, believing to receive: The poor and hungry he doth feed, and the naked he doth cloath; the empty are filled with the fountain of Life, and refreshed with the sweet streams of Salvation in the heavenly stillness; in the Light is all fulness, that soul that dwelleth there, is in union with God his Maker, and no good thing will the Lord withhold from him, because his Life is pure and undefiled, clean and holy; for it becometh the house of God to be holy: A holy life is God's delight: He will not dwell with any unclean thing: He cannot receive such that will not be separated from their sins and beloved lusts: Therefore come out from amongst them, and be ye separated; touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you, saith the Lord God Almighty,*

mighty, and you shall be my sons and daughters. This is God's Covenant to establish in the Seed of his Holiness; *I will receive you,* There's the Promise; *Those that come to me, I will in no wise put away.* Ye will not come to me (saith Christ) that ye might have life. *I am the Life. Except ye believe I am he, ye shall die in your sins.* Those Christ spake to, had the light in them, but they did not receive him, by believing, loving and imbracing him in the love thereof, but became vain in their imaginations, their foolish hearts being darkened, gave themselves over to hardness of heart, to believe lies, and shut themselves out of the everlasting Covenant of Light and Life, and eternal Salvation, because of unbelief, and provoked the Lord God of Hosts, and grieved his holy Spirit, and caused him to say, *O Israel, thy destruction is of thy self; but in me is Salvation. Why will ye dye, O house of Israel?* If God spared not them, what think ye of your selves in this Generation? Are you not in the same condemnation, for neglecting so great Salvation, which God hath so clearly made manifest in these our dayes, wherein his Light hath appeared, and doth shine forth over Nations, to make a clear separation, and
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to divide between *Light* and *Darkness*, between *Good* and *Evil*, between a *Man* and his *lovers*, between the *man* that *feareth God*, and *him* that *feareth him not*, and to seek out his own flock, even as a good *Shepherd*, that taketh care for his *own sheep*, and to bring them into his *own Fold*, to preserve them from the *Wolf*, *Dog*, & *Devourers*; the *Hirelings*, that cloath themselves with the wool, and feed themselves with the fat, and starve the flock; who seek greedily to devour; such that say, *God saith, when God hath not spoken to them, neither have they heard his voyce at any time, nor seen his shape.* I tell such in the Dread, Fear, and Awe of the living Lord God, (whom I serve) Except ye return and repent of your deceivableness and lying, deceit and hypocrisie, you will dye in your sins, and perish eternally: Are not ye of the same Generation, that put Christ to death? Are ye not high Preists, Scribes and Elders of the people? Have you not the Cheif places in the Synagogues? Do you not love greetings in the markets, to be seen of men? Are ye not called of men *Masters*? And do you not look for honor, and glory in flesh and blood? And if any will not bow to you and fall down to that
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which your own fingers have made, stocks and stones, painted walls, gods that are dead, dumb, and deaf, blind, and cannot see, hear, nor speak; painted Sepulchres. Ye are full of deadly poyson, Serpents and Scorpions, whose stings are in your heads and in your tails; we know you right well whose servants you are, and who is your master that ruleth in you, *viz.* the Prince of darkness, with his dark, black spirit, and his works ye do; by your fruits you are known; ye envy and shed the blood of the Innocent, and make merrry over the Just One, and you send gifts one to another, because ye have slain the righteous Witness of God, the measure of Light wherewith ye are lighted. And of a certain God doth & will require it at your hands; for he is come to gather his own out from amongst you, and to leave you desolate, naked and bare in the sight of all people, and to strip you of your costliness, pride and presumption, and to lay you open to the simble-hearted, whom you have deceived with feigned words and cruel bonds, with Prisons, bolts, double-doors, chains, rackings, massacring, strapadoes, and cruel whippings. Oh! what is it to be mentioned for cruelty, but may
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be found amongst you to the full ? but blessed be the Name of our Lord God, who doth and hath smitten the great and the mighty with the edge of his Sword, and hath cut down Kings and Governours, and hath poured out his wrathful Indignation upon the seat of the Beast, the Whore and all her Lovers.

And the Word of the Lord came unto me, saying, I have kindled a fire in this place, that shall never be quenched. And again, the Word of the Lord came unto me the second time, saying, Thou shalt prophesie in my Name against all their Abominations, and thou shalt not be afraid of their threatnings. And again, the Word of the Lord came unto me the third time, and shewed me a great Channel filled with mud, and stinking dirt ; and at one end of it I saw a clear Spring ; it was little, but the water thereof was pure : And the Lord said unto me, That little Spring should operate and work, till it had cleared and wrought through the whole Channel, and cleansed it.

You that have tasted of the same Spring of Life, and sweet River of Salvation, reade me near you, and feel the same in the sweet Power that hath fulfilled the same in my measure, which the Life doth and wil witness in the whole body of God's Elect.

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' And in a night Vision I saw a long par-
 ' cel of Ground, it was narrow, long and
 ' plowed up, and the stones thereof gather-
 ' ed in heaps : between every heap there
 ' was a good Ground, ready to receive
 ' Seed : And I asked the Lord what it
 ' was ? And the Lord said unto me, I
 ' have a People in this place, and a pre-
 ' cious Seed to be gathered from the Chaff,
 ' through much labour and travel ; and I
 ' was greatly refreshed with the Word of
 ' the Lord. The same time I saw a River,
 ' a little space off one side of this good
 ' Ground ; And I saw a tall Cedar-tree
 ' growing on the bank, of a very great
 ' height ; and at the top as if I saw a great
 ' Nest, that the Fowls of the Air had built ;
 ' it was very great, and I was troubled
 ' greatly at it, because the Tree was so
 ' smooth and tall that none could reach to
 ' it, to destroy the Nest, and the builders
 ' thereof : And as my spirit was grieved,
 ' and my head troubled about pulling down
 ' the great Nest, that no such devouring
 ' Fowls might build there so near where
 ' the good Ground was, and the pure Seed
 ' was to be sown ; and behold I looked up,
 ' and I beheld a great Whirl-wind arise,
 ' and took hold of the Nest, and did scatter
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'it all to pieces, and did not leave one
'sprig behind.

Thus I have seen the fulfillings of Visions, glorious Revelations, Raptures of Joyes, and heavenly Delights. I cannot fully express the love of God to my soul, the glory is his own that ruleth on high : blessed be the Rock of my sweet Salvation ; *for he that is mighty hath magnified me, and Holy is his Name.* And, let all that name the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, depart from iniquity : *for there is none can call Christ Jesus their Lord, but by the holy Ghost ;* the holy Spirit of God, will not, neither can dwell with any unclean thing : Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean ? No, not one. A sweet Spring that proceeds out of a pure Rock, cannot bring forth sweet water and bitter.

Dear People, be not deceived, such fruit as you sow, such shall you assuredly reap. There are two seeds ; the Seed of the everlasting Covenant of all blessedness for ever ; they that sow to that, shall reap Life everlasting : And there is the seed of the Serpent ; and whoever sows to that seed, shall reap eternal Condemnation ; *The seed of the wicked shall rot, and perish from off the face of the Earth, and shall be no*

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more seen; *The wicked shall be turned into Hell, and all that forget God*; for Christ doth and will render Vengeance in flames of fire in all them that know not God, and will not obey the Gospel, the Light in the Conscience, that doth convince, check, and reprove for sin, which is the everlasting Gospel, the measure of God's own divine Love. And those that come to believe, receive and obey, those come to receive Life everlasting, and come to enjoy the fulness of all things; and their seed shall grow, and the fruits thereof shall fill the whole face of the Earth, and be renowned upon the Thrones of Dominion for ever; but those that hate the Light, and do all their works in the dark, out of the Light, the Light will be their Condemnation where-ever they go, they cannot hide themselves from God's presence; The Light is God's Presence, and will find them out, and will be condemning of their Consciences for sinning, and will shew them plainly of their evil deeds, and tell them plainly of all that ever they have done in their life-time.

This is God's faithful Witness, *the Light of God in every Conscience*, to which all do and shall confess.

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Can you have a clearer Evidence? there is no other to be found in Heaven nor Earth, nor without you, it is *within* every one of you, and will leave you all without excuse, in the day when you must give account for it, how you have improved it; for it is in the improving or not improvement of it; and so you will all be left without excuse. In the day of the Lord you cannot say you wanted power: for, *to as many as received him, to them he gave power to become the Sons of God, to as many as believed in his Name:* And you cannot say you have not heard of him; for Christ saith, *I am the Light of the World:* John saith, *This is the true Light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world, that all through him might believe.* This is the Record that God gave of his Son, *That in him is Life. This is Life eternal, to believe in him whom I have sent: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, hear him in all things.*

This also is our Testimony, even the same that was from the beginning; the which gave all the holy Prophets witness to, and all the righteous Generations since *Abel*, to this present day, to Christ the Light, God's free Covenant of Grace,
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Love and Mercy; This is the everlasting Gospel of Peace, and the Reconciliation between God and man, to recover fallen man out of the death of sin and corruption: *For in Adam all dyed, and Death reigned till Moses, over all; but when the Commandment came, sin revived, and I dyed.*

Every one that comes to the Light, and doth truly receive, imbrace and obey the same, they come to be slain, and to be crucified with Christ, that the body of sin might be destroyed: for he that is dead, is freed from sin. Know this, to be dead from sin, and alive to God, through Christ the Light of the World; for his Coming and Appearance is in the Conscience, to take away sin, and to condemn sin in the flesh, *that we may become the Righteousness of God in him*, and so come to the fulfilling of the holy Scriptures, in the same Light and Life that gave them forth, every one in their measures: To them that do believe he doth appear, first, to condemn sin, and to convince the conscience of dead works, to turn from darkness to Light, from the power of Satan to the Power of God, and to restore fallen man into the Image of God again, in perfect Innocency as at the

first; And so man becomes a living soul in the quickened Spirit, and to be at peace and unity with his Maker again; and then doth Christ appear the second time without sin unto Salvation; and then is the time of Refreshment come from the presence of God; then that soul comes to be seasoned with Grace, and to be endued with Power from on high over all sin, and to reign in the Lamb's Innocency, Victory and Dominion, and to govern in Truth, and to bear the Sword for God in the Spirit of Meekness, ruling justly, and doing the thing that is just and right in the sight of God and man, to be a sweet savour to God and his People, and also to them that perish.

The Light will justify those that live in it; and all that ever is done in the Light, shall stand for ever; and all that is done out of the Light, shall wither and fall away, as the untimely fruit; all the seeming goodly shews, and representations, and likenesses of things out of the Light, shall also fall away and perish, and vanish in the using; and those that trusted in them shall be left helpless in the time of need; they are all dead gods, and cannot save, like to them that made them.

them. God made man upright in Righteousness and true Holiness, but man hath sought out many inventions, his heart, mind and soul being gone out from his Maker, into the many wandrings after the imaginations and thoughts of his own deceived heart, being evil continually, and desperately wicked; acting against the Light and Life of Righteousness in which he was at first created; provoking the Lord to wroth, to destroy and condemn Man for his disobedience, and to cut off Man from the face of the Earth, justly, through his righteous Judgments, for rebelling against the Light, that would have given them Life, if they had loved it; and so disobeying it, there is their Condemnation and Destruction of themselves; the Lord is clear of every ones blood, and by the Light in the Conscience of every one, will the Lord God Almighty be Justified, and shall be made to confess, that God is Just in his Judgments, and so all will be left without excuse eternally.

Thus in obedience to the Lord have I cleared my Conscience; according to my measure I have received freely from the

Lord, so have I, in love to your souls,
administred of the same, and given my
honourable Testimony in the Light, and
by the Light and Life of Righteousness
that shall stand for ever.

Written in the Inquisition-Prison
at *Malta*, by me, a Servant of the
Lord, (the 31. day of the 5th
month, 1662.)

SARAH CHEEVERS.

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My endeared Love and sweet Salutation, to the breathing Seed of Life and Immortality, throughout all Nations, to the Ends of the Earth,
COMFORT and CONSOLATION.

A Word of Exhortation to the simple-hearted, and meek-spirited; such as have any Breathings after the Well-springs of Salvation, to you is Glad-tydings proclaimed, a day of Salvation and Redemption draweth nigh to you; behold your King of Righteousness cometh with Healings in his wings, and with bowels of everlasting Love, Life and sweet Refreshing: Hold up your heads, for your Saviour and Redeemer is near you; turn in your minds, and wait in the heavenly Stillness of your spirit, soul and heart, and you will be filled with his living Presence, Glory and Beauty, insomuch, that you will not have room enough to contain him; for he is full of glory, riches, and love; where he is received and embraced he bringeth all things with him, and needs

not the help of any thing besides; for in him dwelleth all the Fulness of all things, richly to be enjoy'd. *The poor and hungry the Lord will fill, and cause his glory to excel.*

This is the living Word of God to you that are empty, to you that are broken in heart, whose minds, hearts & souls are truly humbled; to you is the Lord our God appearing, in the light of his Countenance to relieve you, and to raise up his righteous Branch in you, the Seed of his own Bowels, the begotten Son of his Love and tender Mercy, who will cause his Day to dawn, and his true Light to shine in your hearts, and will season you with knowledge and wisdom, and will give you a good Understanding of himself, in the face of his own well-beloved Son, in whom he will be, and is well pleased; who also will fill your hearts with all joy, in believing, and you shall be right glad, and be rejoiced in the Lord God of your strength, life and sweet salvation, and shall glory in his Power, Might, Excellency, Fame, and in his Renown; and your hearts, souls and minds will be filled with living praises, prayer and thanksgiving, in the Light and Life of Righteousnesse, nakedly and barely before him,

him, stript of all your rotten raggs, and defiled garments; and to stand out of all earthly things, singly, in the measure of his own divine Love; wherein is eternal Life, and all things to be administred from God; who is the Fulness of all blessedness, in this present life, and that also which is to come, even the eternal Weight of Glory, the endurable Substance in the fulness of all felicity, infinite riches, endless love, in all eternity with the Father; for ever, to sing Hallelujah's, Praises continually.

Dear Hearts, feel the same, and let your pure Lives manifest it in the sight of all, that God may have the Glory of all,
Amen.

This is the living Word of Prophesie to you, whom the Lord God is gathering, and separating from the world, to bring you into his Sheep-fold; where we may have one Shepherd, one Fold, one Pasture, sweet and pleasant Feeding, one sweet and calm River of still water, to drink together; and to lye down together in peace in the Lord.

The God of my Life and sweet Salvation, hasten the gathering in of his Lambs,
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and Babes, and little Ones, into a clear
 sight and manifestation of his everlasting
 Love, that we may come to enjoy the
 sweet Union and Fellowship one in ano-
 ther, in the *Light*, which is our perfect
 God, and his *Emmanuel*, which is our per-
 fect Life; Saviour and Redeemer; and
 from, and through him do we receive of the
 Father all things; he is the everlasting Co-
 venant, the eternal Seed, from which all
 blessings spring, God's only begotten Son,
 of his own bowels, which hath the Word
 of eternal Life; all that come to receive
 him, come to receive the Father also; for
 the Father is in the Son, reconciling the
 world to himself, not imputing sin; if any
 perish, their destruction is of themselves;
 for God is clear of every ones blood: God
 having given to every one a measure of
 his own Light, or talent of his Grace,
 that hath appeared in all, wherein is the
 Power and Life eternal, to as many as be-
 lieve, receive, and obey the measure of
 Light, they, and they alone, do enter in-
 to covenant with God, to deny themselves,
 and to take up the daily Cross to their own
 wills, and to do the Will of God, follow-
 ing the Lamb in the Regeneration, and
 Eternal cleansing, and in Newness of
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life, and to serve Christ alone in whatsoever he requireth; and he requireth no more of any, than what he giveth power, strength and ability to perform: If any one complain for want of power, it is because they do not believe nor improve that they have received; It is not in God to withhold his mercies from you, it is your own neglect of God's Mercies, because you do let them slip out of your minds; for, *God never altereth nor changeth*; if thou dost not believe, yet God abideth faithful, and will not deny himself. By hearkening to the enemy, the pure Eye of Innocency is veiled over, and so ye lose the sweet Enjoyment of the living Presence of God, and the Love of Christ, your sweet Saviour, and eternal Redeemer.

Then at such a time wait low in the Cross, and heavenly Stilness, till the power hath wrought over, and raised the life, which bringeth to the light, and sight of God's eternal Love; and sweet Countenance, and smiling Favour again, and then stand fast, and be no more ensnared with the subtil heart of Satan; but keep to the Pure, and watch over every thought; let nothing pass, but bring it to the Light;
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try it there; for certainly, by the Light every thing must be judged, before-hand or after. If you wait diligently in the Light, the Light will shew you the rising of the Tempter, and you will feel the eternal Power rise against him; and as you stand still, you will see and feel the battel of the Lamb; and the Lamb will have the victory; and you will gain dominion over all before hand, and be clear of the great Transgression, and justified in the sight of God and man; and so you will be a sweet savour unto God and man, and dwell in the enjoyment of your Maker, Saviour and Redeemer, and become one in the Unity, and be joyned together in one Spirit; and so there is, and will be joy unspeakable, and full of glory, which *neither eye hath seen, nor eare hath heard, neither hath it entred in the heart of man, to conceive of the riches that are to be revealed to those,* and in those that abide in the Light, and that dwell in the living Presence of our living God; for in his presence is fullness of joy, and at his right-hand pleasures for evermore.

I speak that I know, and do testifie that I have seen, felt, tasted, and my hands have handled of the good Word of Life, and
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sweet Power ; and for whose sake I suffer Bonds, and count not my Life dear to my self, so I may keep the Faith, and finish my Course, in the living Word of Patience, holding forth the Testimony of Jesus, the sure Word of Prophecy, the *Witness* of God in every Conscience, able to save and condemn, Christ, *the Light of the World*, who hath *lightned every one that cometh into the world* ; and by him will God judge the Secrets of every ones heart, accordingly shall every one receive his Reward, from God, the righteous Judge of all, and all shall be left without excuse.

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